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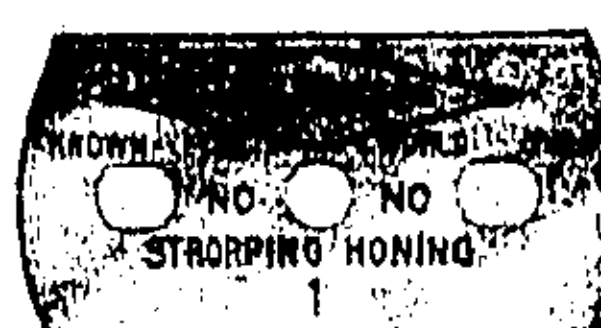
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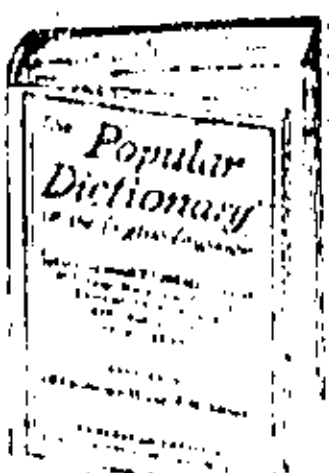
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SENSATIONAL OUTBREAK

Residents' lucky escapes
DEATH OF A "HAWKINS" SAILOR.

Volunteer Workers' Heroic Efforts.

YESTERDAY'S DRAMATIC INCIDENTS.

Costly Damage By Flame And Water.



This snapshot was taken by Leo Fong (No. 7, Wyndham St.) who climbed along the roof of China Building. In the centre are shown the bare spots in the roof of the Hotel when the fire had already burned through to the top. Smoke is coming out (from the left) in masses and flames can be seen on the right.

A death took place and damage was done to the extent of \$2,500,000 as a result of a fire which swept the main building of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday morning.

The damage was done both by fire and water, the flames spreading with fearful rapidity and tons of water having to be pumped into the building. The Fire Brigade worked valiantly under severe handicaps. The loss would have been much greater but for the tireless assistance of Service men and other voluntary helpers.

Many residents had quite exciting escapes, some actually being roused from their beds to leave the burning building.

The fire began shortly before nine, but such was the grip it soon gained, the danger of total loss was not averted until about twelve o'clock.

The blaze had been reduced to the smouldering state by three o'clock, when barriades were erected around the scene of desolation in the street.

FROM CHINA BUILDING.

The rapidity with which the flames spread and the grip it established on the structure in a short space of time could be best appreciated by those who were able to view the scene from the roof of China Building.

Within an hour, and a half of the warning being given to the hotel residents to clear, flames were licking the verandahs of the fourth and fifth storeys of the buildings facing Pedder Street. A huge tongue of swirling, licking flames shooting up from the middle of the building where had once been the lift shaft, a spark from the installation in which it was on every one's tongue, had led to the conflagration.

It was not until getting on for two hours after the first warning that the brigade was able to play on the building water with force enough to be effective. The

brigade turned out smartly and pumps were got into operation at Blake Pier. Pressure was not strong enough, however, for the height and extensive surface over which the flames were distributed. A certain number of hoses were got inside the building but doors and walls prevented these from getting right on the spot.

The Water Pressure.

The only places where there was possibility of the hoses being used with any considerable effect were the roof of the hotel itself, the roof of China Building and the verandahs and roof of Jardine's building but it was a long time even here before the requisite pressure was obtained to get the water to carry that far. Just a few feet more carry on them and the streams would have got there but as it was, a powerful jet from China Building fell just short of the main centre of conflagration. Awakened residents could be

seen in the earlier stages of the fire wandering about the verandahs of the upper storeys, their rooms probably being ablaze or dangerous of entry, and wondering what they could do to help. Firemen were pulling up hose by means of rope and on all positions actually in the building except the roof of the "new" building facing Pedder Street and the upper portion of Pedder Street had to be vacated.

Verandahs Alight.

Flames began to fork out from all the rooms on the two top storeys of the portion of the building facing Jardine. Matheson's and from most of those on the two top storeys in the more southerly portion. Soon the woodwork and objects on the verandahs there were alight and looking in from the street, Matheson's one could see nothing but leaping flames of these storeys.

The absence of wind was, less to say, a vital saving factor. What there was blew from, rather than to, Jardine's but the gravity of the consequences if it had been the other way was easily to be imagined. As it was, the safety of the partially completed Exchange building had to be taken into consideration as there is much wood structure and a falling ignited spar or a spark might have resulted in a conflagration there.

The whole occurrence was so sudden and the magnitude of the task so great that organisation in the earlier stages was difficult. One even saw heavy lorries being allowed to drive over hose conducting water to the scene but as soon as the muster of public officers was sufficiently strong this was remedied and when the East Surveys and naval men augmented their numbers, matters progressed very rapidly. The crowds which the police had experienced a strenuous time in keeping under control were then kept within defined limits and Pedder Street was kept clear of all traffic of any kind. Trunks and wardrobes hurtled through space and crashed with terrific impact in Pedder Street, the belongings of the residents being strewn all along the roadway.

Deluge of Furniture.

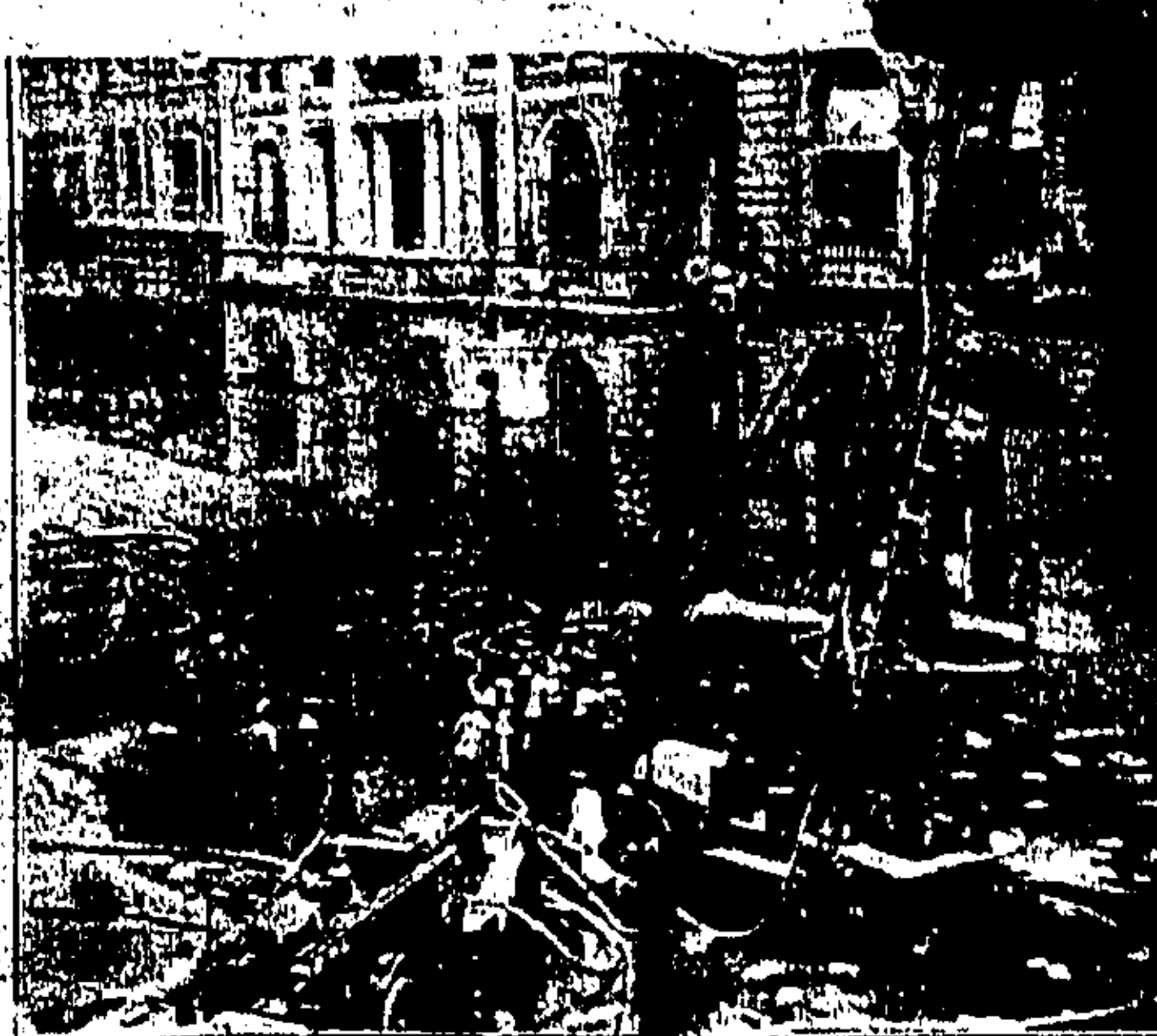
Inflammable furniture and effects were thrown out in this manner from all floors, soaked bedding, mattresses, articles of all description floating through the air, some falling across cable wires and other obstructions and lying limply in the air, looking grotesquely out of place with the flaming background. Hotel residents, some in night attire and dressing gown, only watched the destruction from points of vantage. "That's my room, in there," one was overheard remarking on an adjacent roof. "That's my wardrobe blazing away there too."

A remarkable phenomenon witnessed by a "China Mail" representative was the survival on a verandah on which the flames appeared to have got as strong a hold as anywhere, of a poker table and cloth. All around this table the flames were licking but when after half an hour of its being kept under observation the hose got the fire under in this quarter, the table was still intact and the cloth fluttering in what breeze there was.

"Pet" Table.

Meeting the owner of this table by chance later in the day, the newspaper man was informed that the table had eventually been burnt in the late afternoon. An overcoat and hat observed on a peg in one of the rooms survived for an astonishing time with the room practically gutted and flames everywhere.

From China Buildings one could see the Bluejackets inside the burning building working like Trojans. Two in particular attracted the attention by reason of the practical way they set about getting the better of the fire. Using poles and feet as battering rams they made their way along the verandahs, exercising coolness and bravery in the task of beating down doors and other obstacles behind which the flames were playing in order that the hose behind them might work the more efficiently.



Fire engines working to save the grill room by bringing in second floor. Des Vaux Road is seen strewn with mattresses and miscellaneous property.

The operation of a strong pressure hose by one of the brigade attached to the top of the four-section extension ladder (opened fully out) run up in the centre of Pedder Street proved most effective in combating that part of the fire but little could be done to get at its heart. Firemen ventured on the roof as far as they dared and a Scout was observed performing wonderful feats of coolness and balance in his endeavour to help them.

Dense Smoke In Streets.

For some time (this at 10.30 a.m.) dense volumes of smoke issuing from the roof running parallel to Pedder Street but farther back, had betokened that the fire had obtained a firm grip but the strength of this grip was not realised until about 10.40 a.m. when with a gust of wind the smoke began to billow through the streets.

In the course of thirty minutes the roof no longer reared above the other parts of the building the charred remains of the beams which had supported it uniting with those of the older building in a scene which, looked at from the top, was one of indescribable, burning desolation. Fears were entertained at one time by those above who judged merely on appearances, lest any considerable portion of the building could be saved, but the damage was confined chiefly to the upper storeys on account of the substantial nature of the building. Fire did break out in places on the third floor through falling blazing debris but it was on the fourth and fifth floors that most damage was done.

FROM PEDDER STREET.

Although they were not summoned so early, the military were the first to "get into action" with a hose of sufficient pressure. A handful of Surrey lads got into Jardine's and were soon perched perilously on the parapet and the scaffolding. Their jet did much towards subduing the blaze in the Pedder Street corner, especially on the fourth floor.

Not long afterwards, another hose was pouring into the upper verandahs close to the main entrance. These two streams rendered such good service that the engine with the extension ladder

was able to "withdraw" from Voeux Road and attach directly above the grill.

Another hose then played on the eastern (tram line) corner from Alexandra Building (above Watson's).

When It Began.

With such amazing rapidity did the fire spread that efforts by the staff and inmates to requisition the hotel apparatus were of little avail.

On the alarm going through the forces of the brigade on the island were mustered but were too small to cope with the extension.

It was evident that the pressure was not enough to reach the fourth and fifth floors where the flames had obtained a firm hold and were spreading quickly.

Those who had opportunity salvaged what they could of their belongings.

Men of the brigade, the services, the staff and volunteers were inside different parts of the burning hotel practically from start till immediate danger had passed.

Obstacles to the work were beaten down, hoses on adjacent buildings were directed by "snipers" on precarious spots and both furniture and fittings were disposed of with titanic strength. Under such circumstances it is impossible to single out names for special gallantry. Nevertheless there were some who did all humanly possible, regardless of personal danger.

How the Flames Spread.

Within an hour or so of the first alarm, Pedder Street and that part of Des Voeux Road Central were like a rich Chinese village after a thorough looting by bandits. Had it not been for the occasional dropping of red-hot cinders over the verandahs, the scene might have been that of the end of a siege. An ominous boom now and then lent colour to the supposition as did the carrying out of a sailor who had been mortally hurt through a bad fall. Willing hands put him on a discarded mattress and he was taken into the C.P.S. passenger office where medical attention was rendered on the spot and the motor ambulance had moved up within a minute or so.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

(Reuters Service.)

New York, Dec. 31.

Important international developments are believed to be foreshadowed by the arrival of the Rt. Hon. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, and Mr. Gilbert, Agent-General for Reparations, who conferred at Washington with Mr. Andrew William Mellon, Secretary, U.S. Treasury, and Mr. Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank.

The nature of the discussions has not been divulged up to the present.

LATE GENERAL HSU.

DEATH BY SHOT, NOT BOMB.

MURDERER NOT ARRESTED.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, Dec. 31.

Later reports show that General Hsu Shu-tung met his death through being shot and not bombed as stated in yesterday's cables.

No member of General Hsu's staff was injured.

Considerable comment has been aroused by the fact that Lu Cheng-wu has not been arrested for killing General Hsu.

Lu is stated to be a staff officer of the First Kuomintang (People's Army) and was accompanied by a body of troops at the time the assassination occurred.

It is understood that the Chief Executive's Headquarters are sending a coffin and Generals in uniform to bring back the remains to Peking.

OBITUARY.

ADMIRAL F. C. NOEL.

(Reuters Service.)

London, Dec. 31.

The death is announced of Admiral F. C. Noel.

Admiral Francis Charles Methuen Noel was an Admiral on the retired list and Assessor for Appeals in the House of Lords.

He served with the International Expedition for the relief of Kandahar, Crete, and commanded the "Wallaroo" during the service in other operations and China War, 1900. He saw active service in other operations and commanded H.M.S. "Hood" in Home waters.]

PEKING CABINET.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, Dec. 31.

It is semi-officially stated that the resignation en-bloc of the old members of the Cabinet will be accepted by mandate this evening and that simultaneously a mandate will be issued appointing the new Cabinet, under Hsu Shu-tung, as follows:—

C. T. Wang, Foreign Affairs; Yu Yao-jen, Interior; Kung Hsi-chan, Communications; Chen Chin-tao, Finance; Kow Hsi, Agriculture and Commerce; Ma Chun-wu, Justice; Tu Hsi-mei, Navy; Chai Teh-yao, War; and Yi Pei-chi, Education.

Dr. William Brownlow Ashe Moore is to act as Principal Civil Medical Officer during the absence from the Colony of Dr. Joseph Bartlett Addison, M.B.E., with effect from the December 28, 1925.

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Queen's Road East.

Sunday Services.

January 3.

11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Preacher

Rev. Ernest A. Bustin.

8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street.

Wednesday, January 6.

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CAPT. BARRETT.

APPOINTED HEAD OF POLICE IN SHANGHAI.

POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

(Reuters Service.)

Shanghai, Dec. 31.

The Municipal Council has resolved that Captain E. I. M. Barrett will succeed Mr. K. E. McEuen as Commissioner of Police, but the appointment has not yet been gazetted.

[Capt. Edward Ivo Medhurst Barrett, C.I.E., who is well known in Hongkong as an inter-port cricketer, passed through a couple of months ago on Home leave. He was born on June 12, 1879, and became Second Lieutenant in the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1899, becoming Lieutenant a year later. He was decorated for service in the South African War, following which he became Assistant Adjutant of the Lancashire Fusiliers, being promoted Captain in 1908. In the latter year he was appointed Wing Officer of the Malay States Guides, rising to be Adjutant. In 1907 he went to Shanghai as Assistant Commissioner of Police. He has always been foremost in every branch of sport, including Rugby, Association football, rifle shooting, cricket, and golf. He played several matches in the late cricket season at Home, compiling very respectable scores. He has, if memory serves us rightly, headed the batting averages in Shanghai on several occasions.]

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ROYAL ROMANCE.

RUMANIAN PRINCE AND COMMONER.

SUCCESSION RENOUNCED.

(Reuters Service.)

Bucharest, Dec. 31.

The Crown Prince Charles has renounced rights of succession to the throne and all his prerogatives as a member of the Royal Family.

The King has proclaimed his four years old grandson, Michael, son of Charles, as the heir.

PARENT'S HOSTILITY.

The thirty-two years old Crown Prince of Rumania's renunciation is the sequel of his romantic marriage at Odessa some years ago to a commoner, Zizilam Brino.

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"DELTA"	9,087	4th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,841	8th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	9,089	15th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	9,985	22nd Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,136	29th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALPA"	10,818	6th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	8,165	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACDONIA"	11,689	27th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,005	3rd Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"SANTHA"	8,500	20th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TILAWIA"	10,006	27th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMA"	9,018	3rd Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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"ARAFURA"	5,000	6th Jan.	Manila, Iloilo, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
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"TANDA"	4,500	20th Jan.	do.
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"ST. ALBANS "	4,500	28th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"SANTHA "	8,500	4th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMA LA "	9,128	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TILAWA "	10,078	18th Feb.	Kobe and Osaka.
"MANTUA "	9,918	1st Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MANTUA "	10,902	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR "	8,585	13th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe
"TANDA "	8,568	20th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KHIVA "	9,135	27th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR "	10,611	6th Mar.	Batavia, Moji and Kobe
"KALYANA "	8,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KALYAN "	9,144	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA "	8,155	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACDONIA "	11,689	1st Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR "	9,000	8th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR "	9,005	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER "	9,114	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA "	8,268	29th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA "	10,841	6th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA "	10,978	13th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMA LA "	9,089	1st June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Hongkong, Saturday, January 2, 1926.

FIRE LOSS.

Scenes of conviviality and rejoicing over the advent of a New Year were unfortunately speedily converted at the Hongkong Hotel into scenes of havoc and desolation wrought by the conflagration yesterday. The very unexpectedness of the transformation was sufficient to arouse strong emotion of sympathy—firstly with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited—including Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Managing Director, directors, shareholders, and staff—and, secondly, with the numerous guests who lost practically everything they possessed in the way of personal effects. It was indeed a rude shock to all so directly affected, and the genuine sympathy of the whole community will be extended to one and all in circumstances of such a distressing nature. Not only visitors to the Colony, but local residents with rooms at the Hotel were affected by the losses, although some were fortunate enough to save their belongings before the fire reached the height of its fury.

For a parallel to the distressing conflagration of yesterday one must hark back to the many disasters that have synchronised with the Yule-tide festivities at Home—disasters that have inevitably cast a gloom over the whole nation and repressed the general exuberance of spirits at the festive season. Unlike many of these calamities, however, the conflagration that marred the New Year rejoicings here yesterday was free from any gruesome list of fatalities. So far as can be ascertained at the moment of writing only one death is to be attributed to the Hotel fire, the victim being one of the Naval contingent who succumbed to injuries received whilst gallantly assisting in fighting the flames. To the relatives of the deceased, and to the Navy, of which he was indeed an ornament, most genuine sympathy will be vouchsafed by the entire community. It must indeed have come as a rude shock to the bereaved to learn, amidst their New Year rejoicings, of his tragic end, so far away from Home.

Altogether, the catastrophe of yesterday will be long remembered in the annals of the Colony.

on our New Year rejoicings and for the great and almost irreparable losses sustained by so many visitors and local residents.

Ring in the New. Everything new is not necessarily to be welcomed just because of its state of newness. Novelty does not always make for happier conditions. Reform is often a misnomer for retrogression. The Year of yesterday may be dead and the Kaiser may be deprived of all vestige of power; but in the lives of nations and individuals Tears and Kaisers are very real entities in forms other than rulers of countries. The greatest autocrats, for example, may be found amongst the extremists in Trade Unions once they have paved for their selfish selves a pathway strewn with power, position, and pounds. The most vehement denouncers of "old customs" have been proved to be barnacled with shameless and tyrannical notions in their relations with their fellow-men. "Ring in the New" may have a semblance of a happy sound for a fleeting moment. Congratulations may soon be succeeded by curses. It is, of course, just human nature, and nothing else, to live in hope that the mere ringing in of the new will add to the sum total of individual and collective happiness—only to discover, when the ringing sound has ceased and is forgotten, that it was only a delusion and a snare. It is, however, fortunate that we should be permeated by optimism instead of pessimism on the threshold of a New Year. Nor does it matter greatly at the moment whether resolutions in the direction of a state of betterment are honoured eventually in the observance or the breach. The mere ability to make fresh resolutions is tangible evidence of a frame of mind capable of functioning for the good not alone of the individual but of the community towards which each has a duty to perform. If the mere wish for a "Happy New Year" seems, superficially even, to augur something more refreshing, mentally, physically, and financially, than what the old year brought, let that wish be echoed and re-echoed far beyond the narrow groove of the individual life. But, let it be free and untrammelled from the taint of cant and insincerity and hypocrisy. A mere wish for "A Happy New Year" cannot carry very far unless a truly earnest effort be made to encompass the fulfilment of that wish by personal effort and personal action, whether it be made in relation to the individual or the community. "Ring in the New" by all means; but ensure that the new is something really better than the old!

THE NEW YEAR.

MANY HAPPY GATHERINGS.

The birth of the New Year having been celebrated before the disastrous fire, which has cast a gloom over the Colony, nothing was absent from the many public and private gatherings to mark their success. The Carnival at Repulse Bay was marked with the vivaciousness and gaiety inseparably a part of these functions, also the overflow gathering at the Hongkong Hotel.

An enjoyable time was spent by some 140 guests at the King Edward Hotel where the Carnival spirit was again in evidence. The American community gathered at the American Club, at the Craigengower Cricket Club the President's annual dance took place; the ship's company of H.M.S. "Hawkins" had a dance at the Seaman's Rest; whilst at the Kowloon side the New Year was suitably ushered in with the Carnival spirit by some 100 or more guests at the Station Hotel where a most enjoyable time was spent.

At midnight the usual string of crackers were fired and merry songs sung in the hall of the Colony.

HOTEL FIRE.

(Continued from page 1.)

Right at the top of the building, where the top of the lift well is situated, the flames began spreading. At first the blaze moved towards the windows overlooking the back passage and then flanked all the way down towards the tram route—but only on the very top. Also the blaze widened near the spot where it started but the new building (the block on the Queen's Road side, including the Jewellery store of Messrs. Lane, Crawford's and the Hotel Co.'s motor office) was never seriously threatened and has not suffered in the least.

Creeping Downwards.

Bit by bit the fire crept downwards towards the lower floors, this factor being most evident from Des Vaux Road at which end the outbreak was the heaviest.

Parts of the roof caved in at intervals. Burning debris fell through floors and ceilings thereby increasing the scope. Added to the danger of the fabric coming down was the presence of large water tanks on the roof and the possibility of their shooting downwards once the weight became too great.

The grill room (first floor, old building) was not reached although its ceiling (the floor of the second floor) was burned. This flooring is, however, intact.

Curious to relate, there are rooms in the old building unaffected either by water or fire. The masses of salt water it was necessary to pour in to confine the conflagration ruined what the fire did not eat up. Last night there were six inches of water in Pedder Street and the state of the valuable grill room can better be imagined than described. One eyewitness described it as a reservoir leaking in all places.

About 8.40 a.m. is generally accepted as the time when the fire was first noticed. Round 11 o'clock there were still some who thought the old building would be gutted. At 2 p.m. it was plainly evident that the firefighters were absolute masters of the situation but it is another question if the building has been saved.

Those Who Assisted.

Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair was a very early arrival, directing operations mainly from the tram corner with the precision of a trained fire-fighter. With his flag lieutenant (Lt. E. Dangerfield) and a signalman, he was in constant touch with Naval detachments supervising pumping on the Praya, with batches on hose batteries and even with volunteers doing pioneering work inside the building.

Also noticed was H.R.H. Sub-Lieut. Prince George, R.N., who by the state of his uniform could be seen to have been in the thick of it. Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, R.N., must have been principally responsible for the great practical aid from the Royal Naval Dockyard, skilled men giving invaluable aid where it was so badly needed. The Commodore was also on the spot.

Mr. J. Scott Harston (one of the Co.'s directors) was constantly in the danger zone and he was subsequently observed to be conversing with the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, who is another director.

It is regretted that Mr. J. H. Taggart, (managing director) was prevented by illness from doing what he could for the concern which has practically grown up under his "nursing." Mr. W. J. Hawker (assistant general manager) was here, there and everywhere. Other members of the staff turned to in all capacities with the result that a substantial tiffin was served in the first floor dining-room (in the Pedder Street corner) long before the flames had actually been put out! This service, it is understood, will be maintained.

Fear of Collapse.

Shortly after retrieving his effects—he being a resident—Mr. H. J. Pearce of the P.W.D. was busy at work, advising, in a technical capacity, where there might be danger of collapse through strain or saturation by water.

Mr. A. E. Wright (Building Authority) arrived afterwards and was unfortunate to sustain a nasty fall by slipping on some petrol which had leaked out to the road.

The Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works) was also on the scene as were many executive and subordinate officers of the Department.

work" of the men under him. Mr. P. Condon, Station Officer, was spotted coming out when the back of the outbreak had been broken, but there was a bad gash in his hand and he was attended to by Ambulance men.

The Rev. G. T. Waldgrave superintended the Boy Scouts and Mr. E. Ralphs directed the Ambulance detachments—both rendering yeoman service in an unobtrusive manner.

Cosmopolitan Volunteers.

Cosmopolitan crowds of civilians, with a sprinkling of service men started a relay of furniture movers. Chater Road was soon a heap of costly articles, brought or thrown out by willing hands in which the naval and military reinforcements showed up prominently.

To assist the Police, the Surreys threw out a cordon of pickets with men at "the fix." However there was no one central authority. On the one hand police officers in "civvies" and pressmen were held up without compunction while unauthorised men wandered about in the "danger zone."

Mr. P. P. J. Vodehouse (C.S.P.) as Chief Officer of the Brigade had a strenuous day and he was assisted by all his senior officers together with the inspectors from Central. Pickpockets who had expected to reap a harvest in the Chinese lines of spectators were disappointed. Chinese plainclothes men mingled judiciously with the crowd and the writer noticed at least two suspicious characters, who had apparently been peering down the pockets of star-gazers, being bundled out unceremoniously.

At no time was there any appreciable danger of the old building coming down but the facing on the roof overlooking the tram-lines seemed, to the layman, to be rather unsecure when the beams and rafters had gone.

Danger of Vibration.

At first trams were still running, turning backwards in both directions from the Post Office. Then it was decided that there might even be danger to the building from the vibration on the road. The circuit was cut off to obviate any possibility of contact with any wire that might be severed by falling masonry of which there was hardly any.

Charred window frames fell from rooms on the two highest floors into the passage on the east of the "old" building. The hose in Alexandra Building poured a constant stream on the corner of the Hotel and the building which now houses the Gas Co.'s show room, the roof of the latter only extending half-way up the hotel. Exchange Building—in course of erection—situated between Powell's main establishment and the hotel was attended to, by the women coppies and workmen engaged there. With wooden buckets they cooled the side facing the blaze and then tore off the facing of highly inflammable matting.

Among the many people taking pictures around the scene was a photographer from Messrs. Lee Fong, No. 7, Wyndham Street. Climbing over the parapet of China Building, this man obtained a remarkable set of snapshots, some of which are reproduced on this page. Wandering into other parts of the danger zone Lee Fong secured photos of the view from practically all sides.

Subsequent Steps.

Even in their distress the hotel management made excellent arrangements for the people on their hands. Accommodation has been found in the old building and at Repulse Bay and meals were being served at tiffin.

The P.W.D. have barricaded Pedder Street and put up arc lights. It is understood that a survey will be made to-day to decide vital questions.

The Casualties.

Able Seaman Bachelor, of H.M.S. "Hawkins," who had just come out of hospital a few days ago and was due to go Home shortly, is the unfortunate man killed, falling from the old "Alexandra Cafe" building into the passage. He succumbed in hospital.

Mr. Taggart's illness. As stated above Mr. J. H. Taggart, the Managing Director, has been lying seriously ill, and therefore unable to be on the scene of operations yesterday.

Later Details.

In the short space of time at their disposal those concerned have not been able to issue definite statements.

The cause of fire is being investigated.

Damage will have to be assessed but a rough estimate is \$2,500,000 this figure being strictly unofficial and given for what it is worth.

Another report is that the insurance amounts to \$3,500,000, this sum including the revenue for a certain period. All figures are subject to confirmation.

A rumour that a room cooler of the third floor had been killed or injured has not been borne out and seems likely to be untrue.

Salvage has already begun. Articles taken up to Central Station are being dried and some were claimed by owners this morning.

The ladies' department of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., has been transferred and half of the jewellery department facing Queen's Road has been taken over.

OLD HISTORY RECALLED.

Just about eight years ago a fire in the Hongkong Hotel was put down as having originated in the same lift shaft as the one involved yesterday.

At that time the Fire Brigade depended mostly on members of the European Police. The writer recalls—writing strictly from memory—the fact that Detective Sub-Inspector Dordling who went down yesterday to superintend the locking up of the silver in the strong room was one of those who attended the outbreak the last time.

A detachment had just returned, in the middle of winter and at about the same time of the year, from a 14-hour stretch at a big Cheungchau Island blaze. The men were returning to Central when they saw the fire engine leave the old station in Queen's Road. Getting up at the double they turned to, did their work and were almost immediately called to attend the disaster at Apichau Island (opposite Aberdeen) where almost the whole village was burned to the ground.

This last fire was not in daylight but late at night.

EXCITING ESCAPES.

Residents' Experiences.

When the fire broke out many residents were dressing. Some were still asleep. Others were at breakfast and a few had left the hotel. The first general warning was the blowing of police whistles from all sides. The residents whose rooms were nearest the actual blaze had no choice but to vacate them as speedily as they could and this many of them did still in their night attire. So rapid was the spread of the flames that one gentleman who was dressing when the first alarm was given hurried to the breakfast room to find his wife and by that time it was impossible for him to return to his room to save any of his effects. Others were more fortunate in that their rooms being further away from the scene of the first outbreak or being on lower floors they were able to save part or all of their belongings, either by carrying them downstairs themselves or by having them lowered over the verandahs by ropes. Owing to the curious way in which the fire spread along the top floors, one gentleman who was at breakfast when he heard the police whistles and who was unable to approach his room on account of the danger, was later able to rescue the greater part of his effects before the fire turned and swept along the whole length of the building towards Des Vaux Road Central. Until it was definitely established that the fire was utterly beyond the control of all but the greatest efforts of the Fire Brigade, a small knot of partly dressed residents, including several women and children, waited hopefully in the public lounge on the ground floor, some taking the opportunity to don their few rescued garments. When it became only too obvious that it was out of the question for them to return to their rooms and that even the place where they were then assembled would in time become untenable, they drifted away to take refuge with friends or elsewhere in town, many of them returning later to Pedder Street and Des Vaux Road Central to join the vast crowd watching the blazing building.

Another resident interviewed by a "China Mail" reporter described his experiences as follows: "I was awakened by the boy calling me in what I supposed to be my room. I was in a state of confusion and I was told that the fire was in the lift shaft. I was told that the fire was in the lift shaft. I was told that the fire was in the lift shaft."

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The Bank of Taiwan has decided to close its branch at Bangkok.

The return of Notifiable Diseases for the 24 hours ended Wednesday shows one English case of diphtheria.

At the funeral of Queen Alexandra, on November 27, near the entrance to the chapel was a tribute from the Emperor and Empress of Japan, the Crown Prince of Japan, Prince Chichibu.

For unlawfully importing 100 tins of prepared opium, Ah Leang, a carpenter of the P. & O. steamer "Gharinda," was sent to prison for six months' hard labour at East Ham Police Court, and his deportation was recommended.

On December 5 the Bishop of Gloucester commissioned about 95 Oxford undergraduates to start a campaign organised by the Student Volunteer Missionary Union at Oxford. Many students intending to go abroad as missionaries will take part. The campaign includes all denominations and all missionary societies; five of them are women students, and five are foreign students from Africa, China, Egypt, India, and Ceylon. This is the third campaign organised from Oxford since the war.

It has been decided to offer for sale by tender the freehold site and buildings of Madame Tussaud's—partly destroyed by fire in March—along with the goodwill and contents of the exhibition. There is a probability of a company being formed to take over all that remains of the exhibition and to revive it, and it is understood that the services of Mr. John Tussaud, who has been associated with the exhibition for 40 years, will be available. Many of the historic relics which were on the upper floor were lost in the fire, but the lower floor, with its hall of tableaux and the "Chamber of Horrors," escaped, and sufficient remained, with the figures that can be replaced, to form a very attractive exhibition.

The students at Yale University have voted 1,681 to 241 in favour of abolishing compulsory attendance at chapel.

Sir F. Seton James, former Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, who is now Governor of Grenada, has reintroduced the penny post in that island as from January 1 next.

Missionary grants are seldom made to the diocese of Victoria, Hongkong, but £200 was provided towards a new church for a Chinese congregation at Yumati, Kowloon.

The Right Hon. Sir Montague Barlow, who has recently arranged with the Government the Perak Hydro-Electric Agreement on behalf of Messrs. Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth and Co., Ltd., left Penang by the s.s. "Haruna Maru" on Saturday last. It is hoped that the Perak Hydro-Electric Power Co. may be floated in London at an early date.

Rome's famous geese must have sent a pair of their progeny to Britain, according to the following account sent by Mrs. L. Green to the "Selborne Magazine":—

On a visit to the Wye Valley I noticed that on each occasion the ferry-boat was accompanied by a fine goose, which occupied in stately dignity the stern of the craft, or else swam in its wake. Since 1915 she has appointed herself guardian of the ferry, acting the part of watchdog. Not only is she alert when foot-steps approach in the night, but she will call for the ferryman when a prospective "fare" appears.

On one occasion her warning came in sufficient time to save the boat, which had broken loose from its moorings.

"Should rations be scarce, the goose has been known to enter the kitchen of the inn, and snap up morsels from the table, though looking very guilty if caught in the act."

Brazilians heard a message from President Coolidge asking the American people to offer up thanks for the blessings of the last year. The message was contained in the Thanksgiving proclamation of the American Chief Executive. It was radiocast in the Portuguese language after it had been read to the American colony by Ambassador Morgan.

At the West Ham Police Court recently, Chee Shing, 25, storekeeper, of the s.s. "Telemaachus," was charged with unlawfully importing 2½ lb. of raw opium, fastened to his body with tape. It was raw Persian opium. He offered no defence, except that he intended to take the opium to China. The Bench ordered six months' imprisonment with hard labour, with a recommendation for deportation.

General Booth has told a "Manchester Guardian" representative that the Salvation Army is particularly anxious to extend its work in China. So far that work has not suffered any disturbance at Chinese hands. "We are considered by both sides to be friends of the common people," he said, "and they let us go on. The Chinese prison system is outrageously cruel, and here, as in many other lands, the Army is working among the prisoners." Four or five years ago General Booth bought a hundred little Chinese girls who had been offered for sale in a time of famine, paying 25s. each for them, and put them into an institution to save them from a life of horror. "I have already a report," he added, "that more than half of them are going to turn out splendid women, and I think most of them will probably be Salvation Army workers."

"I want money for China particularly, and I want doctors. I have the money in the bank—waiting to be spent—for a hospital for women and children near Peking, but I find it very difficult to get doctors and nurses. I also want builders and teachers; I have a hundred schools in the world."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. B. Cross, who is retiring from Malaya, sails for England on January 18.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, Master of Marlborough College, has been appointed head of Harrow School.

Mr. W. E. Dyer has been appointed to be a European master, English Education Department, Johore.

The following weddings have recently taken place in the F.M.S.—Rev. E. H. Morris and Miss H. M. Jones; Mr. Joseph Lee and Miss G. MacIntyre; and Dr. G. H. Oorloff and Miss N. de Kresten.

Mr. M. D. Fallon, Manager of New Serendah Rubber Co., Selangor, was married at Home on November 18 to Ruth Madeline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Trower, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

Those who remember "Leo and Tede" who brightened local entertainment circles some years ago, will be sorry to hear that news has been received of the death of "Tede" owing to a motor accident, in which "Leo" was injured.

On board the Japanese training ship "Iwate," at present in the Singapore roads, there is serving as a naval cadet Prince Fushimi, son of Admiral Fushimi, commander of the Sasebo Naval Station, and second cousin of the Emperor of Japan.

Mr. McGrath, who successfully piloted the Lee White and Clay Smith Company through the Far East, has already left England with a talented company of artists known as The Puppets, who will be visiting Malaya early in the New Year. They will probably visit Hongkong.

Mr. G. A. Harman, formerly of Hongkong, writes that he has found a new and interesting way of earning money by selling his "Celtic" and "Gaelic" songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Denny are returning to Penang in March.

The wedding of Miss M. B. Holmes, sister of Mr. R. N. Holmes, to Mr. P. W. Saffery, took place on Monday last at St. George's Church, Penang.

Mr. Alexander Carlisle, one of the most familiar figures, for many years, in Belfast, and who has recently returned from a visit to Doorn, in Holland, said that the ex-Kaiser was keenly interested in England and in world affairs. "He discussed the war without bitterness, and his expressions towards England were of the most friendly character."

Miss Vera Orth, the new assistant secretary of the Y.W.C.A., Singapore, has arrived to assist in the general work of the association. Miss Orth has followed a most successful musical career in Australia and Japan, but has given it up at the urgent request of the association in Singapore. It is hoped, however, that Miss Orth will have many opportunities of using her talent on behalf of the association membership.

The following have been assigned Eastern cadetships in the Colonial services as a result of the open competitive examinations held in August:—Winnington, Ingram, E. A. (Oxford); Belloch, I. W. (Edinburgh); Wark, R. (Glasgow); Moore, W. H. (Cambridge); de Souza, G. (Ceylon); Oxford; Penelope, W. C. D. (Cambridge); Amerasinghe, S. F. (Ceylon); Cambridge; Carey, T. F. (Dublin); Pereira, B. F. (Ceylon); London; Hughes, T. D. (London); Bingham, R. P. (Dublin).

Dr. P. J. MacLagan, Foreign Missions Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of England, has been elected by the Trustees of the Buff. Missionary League to give the six lectures on a Chinese subject under the terms of the grant in Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen, between January 7 and 28 this year. The lectureship was founded in memory of Dr. Duff of Calcutta, and a course of six lectures will be given at each of the three universities.

Sir Montague Barlow is leaving Kuala Lumpur, sailing for home to-day.

The wedding of Mr. Andrew Harper and Miss E. M. Mahoney will take place to-day at 3.30 p.m.

Eric Herbert Seth, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Seth, Singapore, died in London on December 21 of acute pneumonia.

Mr. J. R. Hirsch, assistant, Messrs. Kennedy, Burkill and Co., Penang, will be proceeding on six months' leave to Switzerland early next year.

The engagement is announced of Violet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wickett, of Enggor, the Federated Malay States, and Mr. J. Headley Willmott, of Messrs. Mansfield and Co., Ltd., Penang.

Mr. W. J. B. Ashby, who some time ago retired from the Secretaryship of the Kinta Sanitary Board, has been appointed secretary of the Ipoh Turf Club, in succession to Paymaster-Commander A. F. B. Livesey, resigned.

A farewell luncheon was given recently at the Selangor Club by the Club committee to the Hon. Mr. O. F. Stonor, the retiring president. Among those present were the Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) and the Hon. Mr. H. W. Thomson. Mr. Stonor's health was proposed by Mr. F. B. Evans, vice-president of the club. Mr. Stonor, making a very humorous speech, replied: "The health of Mr. Thomson, president elect, was proposed by Mr. H. G. B. Leonard. Sir George Maxwell was unable to be present owing to indisposition."

Mr. P. H. Suckling, manager of the Shanghai Hotel, was the recipient of a presentation at the Astor House Hotel of a handsome gold cigarette case on the eve of his departure for America, which he is proceeding this month on account of his wife's illness. The gift was made by the staff of the hotel.

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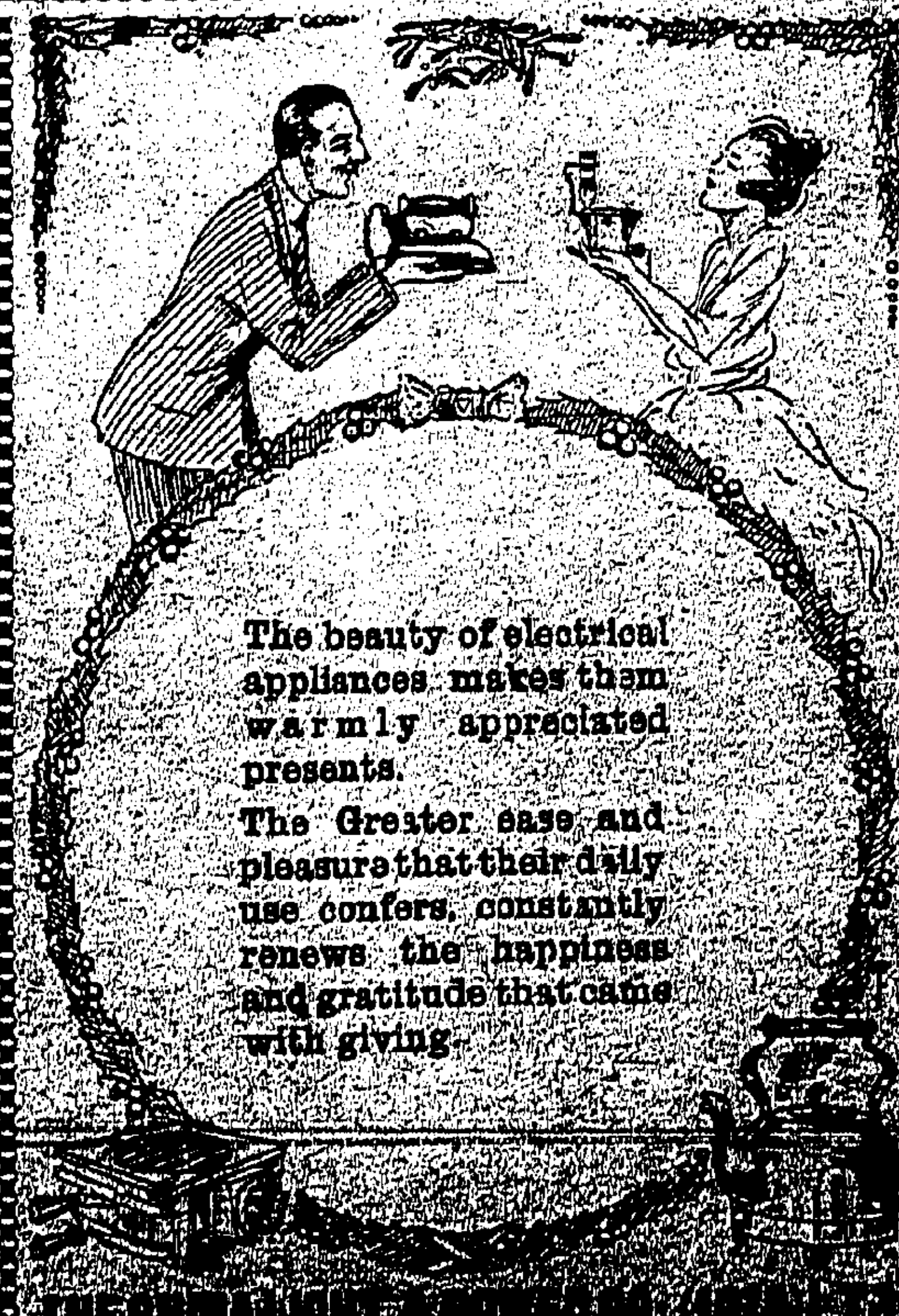
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ANNUAL FUNCTION GREAT SUCCESS.

WELCOME TO "PATRONESS."

Tiny tots, children just entering their teens and grown-ups all enjoyed themselves immensely yesterday at the Kowloon Cricket Club's annual New Year sports for the young ones.

A large gathering was present, including the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy (Bishop of Victoria); the Rev. G. R. Lindsay (vicar of St. Andrew's) whose little daughter presented a bouquet of flowers, in a silver holder; tied with the K.C.C. colours, to Lady Clement; the Rev. J. Horace Johnston and the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith.

Messrs. Wiseman's had the catering and the 1st Surrey Band discoursed pleasant music during the afternoon.

After the sports, Mr. R. E. Lindell (President) announced that their patroness had made her first public appearance after receiving intimation that H.E. the Governor had received the K.C.M.G.

This year saw the "coming of age" as the 21st annual sports had been held. He paid a tribute to Mr. Ezra Abraham (vice-President), the committee and members of the Kowloon Docks who had worked hard for the day's success.

The list of prize winners follows:—

Girls' Prizes.

Skipping Race (Handicap, 14 and under)—1, Phyllis Gittins; 2, Peggy McCaw; 3, Nellie Docherty. Flat Race (Handicap 6 to 9)—1, Peggy McCaw; 2, Winifred Raven; 3, Dorothy Raven.

Skipping Competition (under 10)—1, Ethel Barker; 2, Lily McAlinh; 3, Jean Bryson. Flat Race (Handicap, under 6)—1, Muriel McCaw; 2, Kathleen Bell; 3, Doris Frith.

Potato Race (10 to 14)—1, Marion Bryson; 2, Ina Brown; 3, Edith Mead. Skipping Competition (10 to 14)—1, Alice Blythe; 2, Edith Mead; 3, Iris Frith; 4, Una Mitchell; 5, Clarice Allen.

Flat Race (Handicap, 14 and under)—1, Marion Bryson; 2, Phyllis Gittins; 3, Peggy Everest. Musical Chairs (8 to 14)—1, Clarice Allen; 2, Barbara Walker; 3, Una Mitchell.

Egg and Spoon Race (Scratch, 14 and under)—1, Ellen Smith; 2, Catherine Chester; 3, Nora Branch.

Flat Race (Handicap, 6 to 14)—1, Marie Clarke; 2, Doreen Leonard; 3, Dorothy Reid.

Flat Race (Handicap, 4 and under)—1, Frances Long; 2, Doreen Watson; 3, Doris Frith.

Relay Race (teams of 4, scratch, 9 to 14)—Winning team, Nellie Docherty, Edith Broadbridge, Bessie MacAlinh, Betty Christiansen.

Consolation Race (Handicap, up to 14)—1, Nora McKim; 2, Audrey Mitchell; 3, Isa Lammett; 4, "Daphne of the Pharies."

Boys' Prizes.

Potato Race (Scratch, 10 to 12)—1, William Coyah; 2, Leslie Evans; 3, Aleck McFarlane.

Boat Race (Scratch, under 12)—1, Billy Miller; 2, Edward Frith; 3, Norman Whibley.

Obstacle Race (Handicap, 10 to 14)—1, Sunny Christie; 2, Jimmy Smith; 3, Leslie Evans.

Relay Race (teams of 4, scratch, 10 to 14)—Winning team, Stanley McNider, Eric McNider, Jackie McAlinh, Reggie Woolley.

Flat Race (Handicap, 6 to 9)—1, Ivo Watson; 2, Gerald Abraham; 3, Dickie Branch.

Sack Race (Handicap, 8 to 14)—1, Sonny Christie; 2, Eric Fleming; 3, Arthur Chester.

Tug-of-War (teams of 8)—Winning team, Billy Miller, Denis Kelly, Reggie Woolley, Eric Fleming, Leslie Marshall, Cecil Jennings, Eric McNider, Jimmy Smith.

Flat Race (Handicap, 4 to 7)—1, William McFarlane; 2, Billy Macdonald; 3, Jackie Nicols.

Three-legged Race (Handicap, 10 to 14)—1, Stanley McNider and Reggie Woolley; 2, Denis Kelly and Leslie Marshall; 3, Billy Miller and Harold Brown.

Flat Race (Handicap, 8 to 10)—1, Ivo Watson; 2, Samuel McBrown; 3, T. Chapman.

Flat Race (Handicap, 4 and under)—1, Reggie Savage; 2, Eddy Burford; 3, Allan Ears.

Goldenberg, 4, Edward Harley. Wheelbarrow Race (Scratch, 9 to 14)—1, Jimmy Smith and James Gough; 2, Arthur O'Connell and Harold Brown; 3, Bobby Everest and Paul Henderson.

Consolation Race (Handicap, up to 14)—1, Arthur Smith.

POLICE FUNCTION.

SPORTS AT RECREATION CLUB.

CHILDREN'S HAPPY DAY.

The Police Recreation Club added another success to their annual entertainments for the children yesterday.

The programme, including some novel items for the elders, had unfortunately to be curtailed owing to the officers having to do duty at the fire. The gathering increased late in the afternoon and both parents and friends spent an enjoyable time watching the doings of the children and themselves taking a part in the sports.

The heavily laden Xmas Tree was dismantled after the distribution of prizes. Each of the children received an appropriate gift.

Mr. W. Kent was at the head of affairs in the arrangements and had the assistance of Messrs. H. E. R. Marks, A. R. Clark, A. Reynolds and A. W. Grimmit. Mrs. Kent and other ladies also shared largely in the success of the afternoon.

In the absence of Mrs. Wodehouse owing to indisposition, the prizes were presented by Mrs. T. H. King.

Mr. King returned thanks on behalf of his wife and referred to the unfortunate fire at the Hongkong Hotel which interfered with the sports owing to the police officers being called to the scene. He felt, however, that the afternoon had been a successful one. The Hongkong Hotel and party.

SEEKING BOUT HERE.



This is Stoker ("General") George Booth, middleweight boxing champion of the Navy, (in China) 1924, who wishes to be matched with anyone in the Colony (at 160 lbs) for a bout towards the end of January when H.M.S. "Hollyhock" returns.

cularly Mr. Taggart, he said, had been ardent supporters of the sports with generous contributions and the occurrence was therefore all the more regrettable. Thanks were expressed to the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co. and other supporters to the prize list. Finally he congratulated the sports committee on the excellent arrangements and called for three cheers for them, Mrs. Kent and the others who assisted.

Prize Winners.

The results of the events were as under:—

Boys' Race, 3 to 8 years.—1, Norman Reynolds; 2, Giles Kent; 3, Freddy Cotton.

Girls' Race, 3 to 8 years.—1, Gladys Calvert; 2, Kathleen Cashman; 3, Betty Evans.

Boys' Race, 8 to 14 years.—1, Douglas Taylor; 2, Ronney Gerrard; 3, Tom Cashman.

Girls' Race, 8 to 14 years.—1, Beatrice Taylor; 2, Mary Taylor; 3, Jay Booker.

Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Mrs. Alexander; 2, Miss Peggy Gerrard; 3, Mrs. Reynolds.

Thread and Needle Race.—1, Mrs. Pincott and Mr. W. L. Clark; 2, Mrs. Russell and Mr. Russell; 3, Mrs. Grimmit and Mr. Brittain; 4, Mrs. Hollands and Mr. Post.

Coconut Shy.—1, Mrs. Didear; 2, Mrs. Pincott; 3, Mrs. Ellis.

Gay's Race, under 40.—1, Mr. A. Reynolds; 2, Mr. E. Post; 3, Mr. W. L. Clark.

Cent's Race, over 40.—1, Mr. Grant; Mr. W. West; Mr. J. W. Franks.

Kenneth Nelson; 3, Lester Fells; 4, Addison Harcourt.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

SENIOR SERVICE'S BIG SCORE.

H.K.C.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

Playing in the last match of the triangular tournament against the Hongkong C.C. on the Club ground yesterday in the two-day match, the Royal Navy compiled the big total of 332 runs. The H.K.C.C. had lost three wickets for 61 runs when stumps were drawn.

Special interest was attached to the match as both the teams had beaten the Army in the earlier encounters.

The Navy made a good start, losing their first wicket for 43 runs. A further 38 runs was added for the next wicket. Armitage (57) and Stephenson (46) made a good stand, the total mounting to 154 runs for four wickets. Halsey (88) saw three men come and go, his score including twelve fours and a six. With his dismissal the total was 313 for 7 wickets. Cantrell was unbeaten with 33. He hit two sixes. Stephenson also had a six to his credit. All four sixers were scored off Powell.

The Club went in to bat at 4.45 p.m. and soon lost Sayer with the total at six. Mitchell was next dismissed (12 for 2) and then Stewart went without any change in the total. Hayward (25) and Owen Hughes (31) were unbeaten when play closed for the day; and they had seen the total to 61.

Cantrell, who has been bowling exceptionally well recently, kept a good length and bagged all the three Club wickets for 23 runs. Powell got six scalps for the Club. The match will be continued to-day.

Royal Navy.

Lt.-Com. Armitage, c Pearce,	57
b Powell	19
Pay.-Com. Hussey, b Bowker	13
Lt. Nicholson, b Powell	19
Mid. Stephenson, b Stewart	45
Lt. Halsey, c Owen Hughes, b Powell	83
Capt. West, c Stewart, b Owen Hughes	3
Lt. Sillicoe, c Stewart, b Powell	45
Capt. Lake, st. Pearce, b Powell	9
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, not out	38
Lt. Wauchope, c Stewart, b Powell	7
Lt.-Com. Beatty, b Bowker	0
Extras	13

Total 332

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	19.2	4	70	2
Lammert	11	1	53	0
Powell	20	2	82	6
Owen Hughes	16	1	80	1
Stewart	5	1	15	1
Young	2	0	19	0

H.K.C.C.

A. W. Hayward, not out	25
G. R. Sayer, l.b.w., b Cantrell	0
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Armitage, b Cantrell	8
E. F. Stewart, b Cantrell	0
H. Owen Hughes, not out	31
Extras	2

Total (for 3 wks.) 61

R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, E. G. Lammert, A. C. I. Bowker, F. N. Young and Rev. T. B. Powell to bat.

Bowling Analysis.

eatly	7	3	17	0
ako	4	0	19	0

Total 61

C.S.C.C. "A" v. NAVY "A"

Playing on the home ground, the Civil Service C.C. "A" lost to the Royal Navy "A" by 84 runs.

The fielding on both sides was poor, several catches being missed. The Civil Service batted one man short. Half a dozen bowlers were put on against the Navy, for whom Bowler, playing steadily, scored 57. Hamilton, the C.S.C.C. skipper, had the best bowling average of the day (4 for 20).

C.S.C.C. "A"

F. E. Lawrence, l.b.w., b Emley	21
H. F. Harper, c Dwyane, b Emley	0
C. Sara, b Emley	0
B. D. Evans, c Simpson, b Emley	12
E. W. Hamilton, c Simpson, b Emley	8
D. E. Strange, c Simpson, b Emley	1
Bennett	1
E. L. Bowker, c b Bennett	0
T. W. Carr, c Conway, b Bennett	16
R. H. Holdman, not out	13
W. Jacoby, c Simpson, b Bennett	0
Extras	0

Total 159

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shahabudin	10	2	24	1
Lam	12	3	24	0
Hammett	10	2	24	0
Hammett	10	2	24	0

SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

VICTORIA COLLAPSES IN 2ND INNINGS.

NEW SOUTH WALES WINS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, December 31. New South Wales defeated Victoria, at cricket, by an innings and 182 runs, in the Sheffield Shield. Scores:—

Vic. (1st) 413. H. S. Love made 115, *W. H. Ponsford 88, W. M. Woodfull 63, *C. G. Macartney took 7 wickets for 86 runs.

N.S.W. (1st) 705. *T. J. E. Andrews made 61, *J. M. Taylor 66, *C. G. Macartney 59, H. O. Rock 81, C. E. Kelleway 145, *W. A. Oldfield 129.

[Note: Kelleway and Oldfield had a ninth wicket partnership of 226 runs which is a record for Australia. The English record is 283 made in 1910.]

Vic. (2nd) 180. Kelleway took 3 wickets for 12 runs, *A. A. Mailey 3 for 24, *Macartney 2 for 16, *J. M. Gregory 2 for 57. [Note: Those whose names are prefixed with an asterisk have been selected for the next tour in England.]

Bowling Analysis.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bennett	10.3	1	42	4
Emley	0	3	28	5

Royal Navy "A"

Lt. Emley, c Carr, b Sara	1
Sub.-Lt. Duncan, c Rodgers, b Sara	1
Lt. Simpson, b Hamilton	0
Lt. Hayter, c Carr, b Sara	10
Mid. Simms, b Evans	22
Lt. Mansergh, b Hamilton	23
Lt.-Com. Bower, c Sara, b Hamilton	57
Eng.-Lt. Bennett, c Booker, b Rodgers	12
Sub.-Lt. Palahet, c Evans, b Rodgers	5
Lt. Conway, b Hamilton	5
Lt. Dwyane, not out	0
Extras	26

Total 162

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamilton	10	2	20	4
Sara	5	1	47	3
Jacob	4	0	15	0
Evans	4	1	15	1
Strange	2	0	20	0
P. S. Rodgers	22	0	19	2

'VARSITY ANNUAL.

Victory, by 96 runs, went to the "Present" team in the annual University match with the "Past." Each side played twelve men. There was nothing exceptional and scores follow:—

Present.

A. A. Rumjahn, l.b.w., b Hunt	40
B. P. Ng, c A. H. Rumjahn, b Ng Sze-kwong	23
H. W. Balhatchet, c Hunt, b Yeoh	22
D. Laing, c Gittins, by Ng Sze-kwong	19
C. W. Lam, b Ng Sze-kwong	9
S. O. Shahabudin, b Ng Sze-kwong	5
E. Zimmern, c Gittins, b Ng Sze-kwong	47
B. N. Sudan, c Sopher, b Samy	20
Y. C. Teh, b Samy	30
S. Hachuma, c A. H. Rumjahn, b Samy	9
I. Tajima, c Hunt, b Ng Sze-kwong	3
R. A. Fensonby Fane, not out	0
Extras	14

Total 235

Bowling Analysis.

con	8	0	29	1
Youngsaye	14	0	58	0
Ng Sze-kwong	16	5.1	52	6
Hunt	7	1	38	1
Samy	6	1	24	3
Gittins	2	0	24	0

Past.

A. H. Rumjahn, run out	0
T. E. Yeoh, c Laing, b Rumjahn	31
Ng Sze-kwong, b Lam	1
J. L. Youngsaye, c Lam, b Rumjahn	21
D. K. Samy, c Balhatchet, b Rumjahn	29
C. Chos, b Lam	0
W. M. Gittins, b Shahabudin	8
H. C. Hunt, st. Fensonby	0
Fane, b Rumjahn	21
A. T. M. Rama, c Rumjahn, b Balhatchet	1
S. A. N. Sopher, c b Rumjahn	6
W. F. Veleas, b Rumjahn	7
W. Hall, not out	1
Extras	14

Total 189

Bowling Analysis.

H. C. Hunt, st. Ponsonby	
Fans, b Rumjahn	22
A. T. M. Barma, c Rumjahn	
b Balhatahet	
S. A. N. Sopher, c & b Bum	

Total 189

Bowling Analysis.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shahabudin	10	2	24	1
Lam	12	3	24	0
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GREAT UNPAID.

LAWN TENNIS AMATEUR STATUS.

PLAYING WITH HOBBES.

(via Colombo.)

London, Dec. 14. The evergreen topic of amateur status occupied the attention of the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association in London, Lord Dunsborough presiding. There was a two hours' lively discussion, after which an amendment seeking to admit professionals of any other branch of sport as amateurs in lawn tennis, provided that otherwise they were eligible, was heavily defeated.

It appeared that the main factor in the defeat was the effect the proposal would have on Great Britain's membership of the International Federation.

It was pointed out by several members that if it were passed they would be in the absurd position of having repealed a law which they were largely responsible for as a rule of the Federation. The only alternative would be resignation.

The proposer cited the cricket and rugby governing bodies to support their case, Sir Leo Lyle saying that no tennis amateur could object to playing against Hobbs.

INDIANS "AT PLAY."

SPORTS AT SOOKUMPOO.

The annual athletic sports of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians took place yesterday afternoon on the Sookumpoo ground, and proved a very successful function.

The programme comprised 20 events, for which the judges were Messrs. J. Ralston, M. A. Khan and Fung Pak. Mr. J. C. Fletcher was starter and handicapper, and the Senior Prefect was Clerk of the Course.

At the conclusion of the programme, Mr. J. Ralston, Headmaster, spoke of the pleasant day's sports, and introduced Mr. A. E. Wood, the acting Director of Education.

Mr. Wood said it gave him great pleasure to be present and it reminded him of the days long ago when he had played on the same field. He then introduced Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, who presented the prizes.

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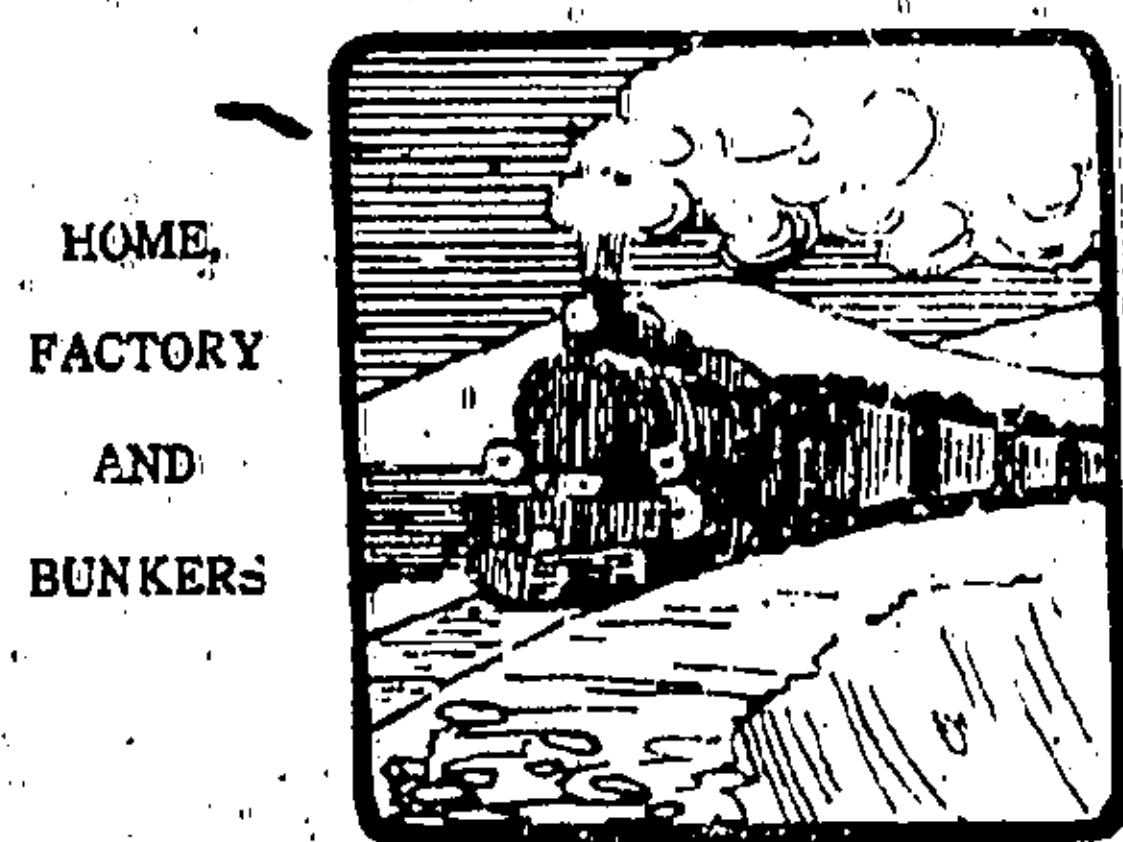
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CATHEDRAL CHINESE WEDDING.



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Last Monday (December 28) a wedding was celebrated at St. John's Cathedral, the contracting parties being Mr. Shiu-pun Preston Wong and Miss Phyllis Grace Jan See Chin. On the left of the group (taken after the ceremony) is the Rev. A. B. Stewart, M.A., who officiated, assisted by the Cathedral Chaplain (the Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A.).

QUIET PEAK CHURCH WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

Group taken after the wedding at the Peak Church on Christmas Eve of Mr. Harold Walter Hewett and Miss Evelyn Lennox Paterson. Mr. James Smith gave the bride away and the subsequent reception was held at his house, No. 12, Conduit Road. Mr. A. Urquhart was "best man."

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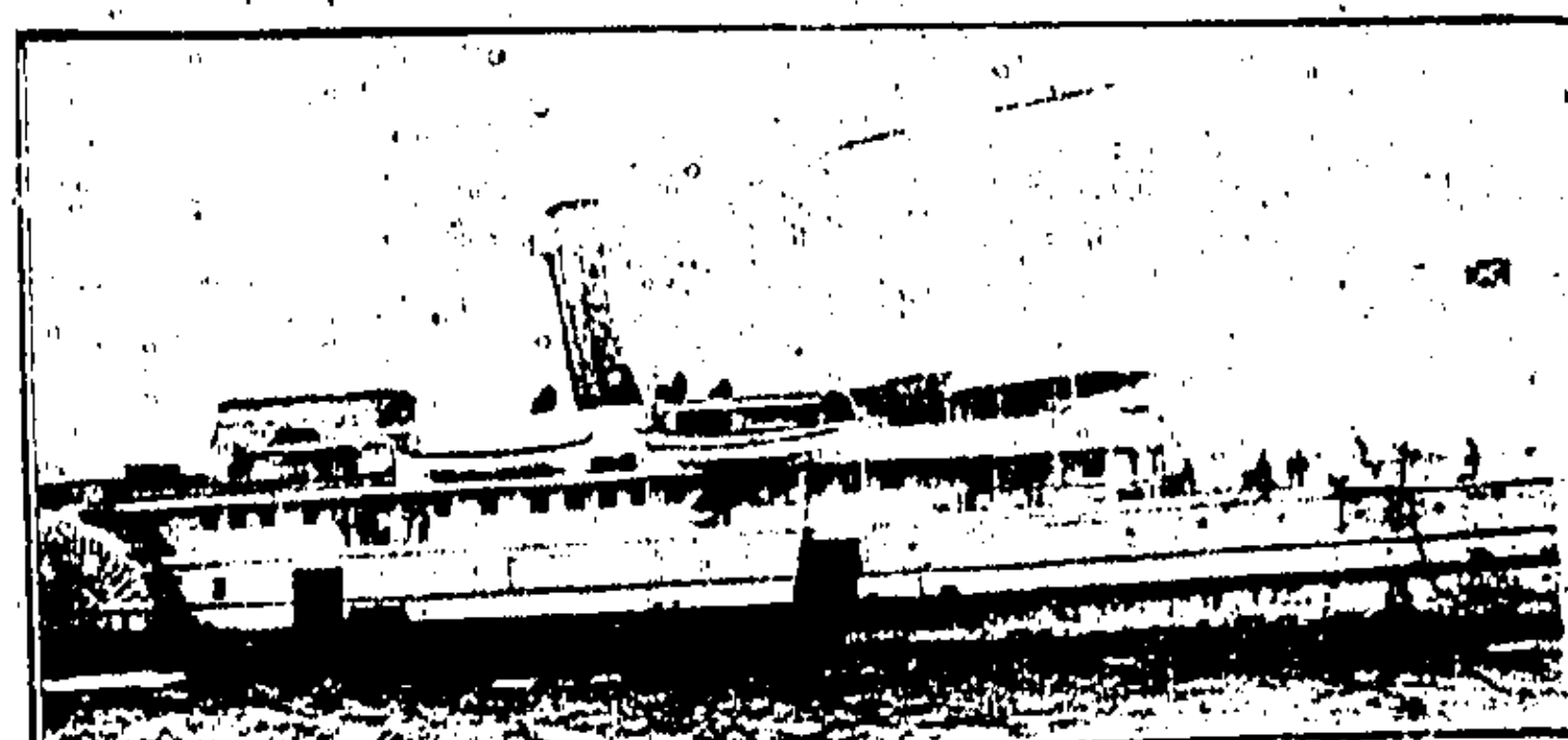


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The Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. "Honam" snapped on returning after her last trip when she had seen about 45 years of service on the Canton River. The paying-off pennant is flying from her mast. With new tonnage being completed the "Honam" has been disposed of by her owners.

CHINESE Y.W.C.A. STAFF.



Photo by Lee Fong.

The staff of the local Chinese Young Women's Christian Association, with Miss Ting Siu-che (national general secretary) who recently visited the Colony, Miss Elliott (general secretary of the Hongkong Association) is on the left (back row) and Miss Ting is next to her.

A "KHYBER" BRIDE.



Photo by Ying Ming.

On Boxing Day, the last of the five "Khyber's" brides were married in St. John's Cathedral, the Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A. (in centre) officiating. Mr. David Dalgleish (of the Shanghai F.W.D.) is the bridegroom and his bride is Miss Lola Charlotte Burdett Taylor, of Harrow-on-the-Hill.

RUNS "LIKE A CHINA PONY."



At a recent race-meeting in Singapore for amateur riders, Mr. G. A. Harriman steered Chinta Hat to victory after a fighting finish with Fire Prince (ridden by the son of the Sultan of Johore). Mr. Harriman says that Chinta Hat is the first horse that he has known to relish the "good, old style of hard riding as practised on our dear old China ponies; 90 % of well-bred animals will not take to it." Picture shows Mr. Harriman (who is so well-known on the Hongkong turf) bringing his mount in.

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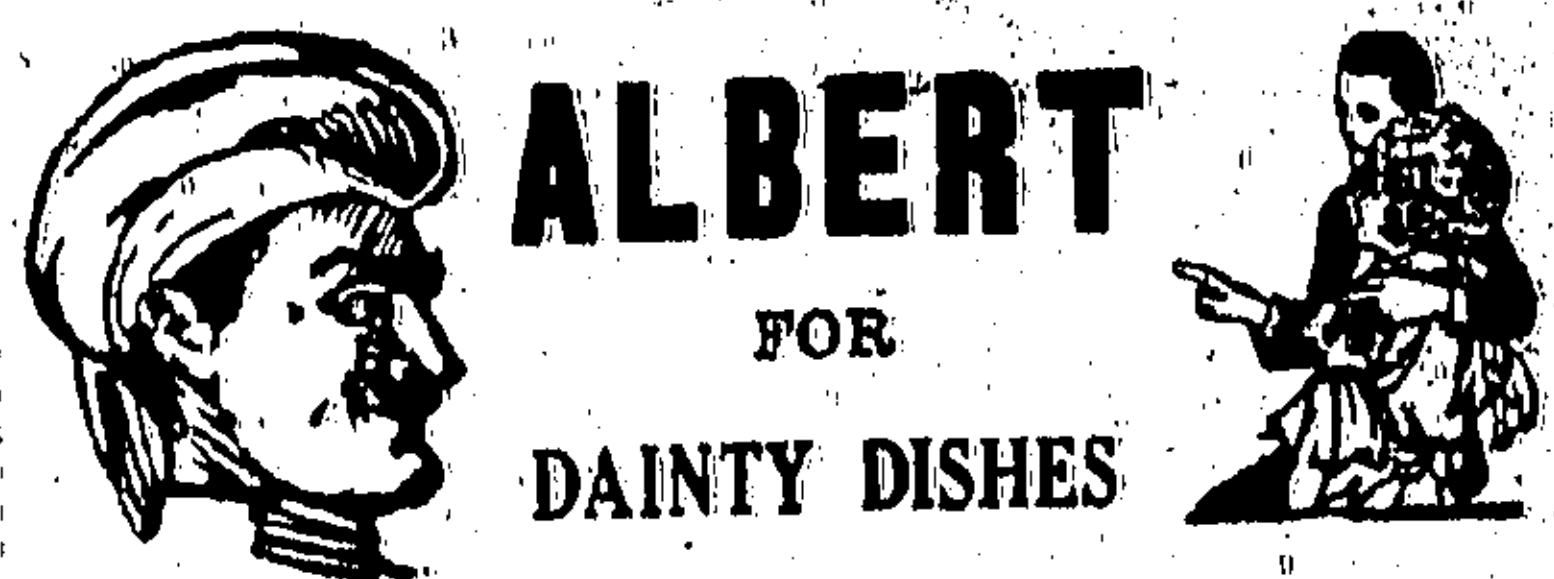
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The Green Fountain Pen.

For a woman to be really elegant it is not only necessary for her to possess earrings and bangles of jade; it is also necessary for her to write her letters with a pen of the same shade (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). The very latest fountain pens, shown to me recently, were all made from material that looks exactly like jade, but which has the advantage of being quite unbreakable. Jade itself would, of course, be far too brittle. Do not imagine, however, that this mock jade is cheap. It is nearly as expensive as the real thing.

Wedding Rings.

The widespread craze for emeralds that followed Princess Mary's choice of an engagement ring has died. Most of the engagement rings that are being bought for the 1926 crop of engaged girls have diamonds—either square stones or three in a cluster, says the "Daily Express." Modern brides insist on wearing wedding rings that are only as thick as a piece of string, and these, according to the present-day fashion, they refuse to wear at all when they dress for dinner and dancing. Wedding rings to-day must be of platinum or white gold because, as most rings are made of platinum nowadays, the one gold wedding ring spoils the effect of the others.

Operations on the Heart.

It is said that another operation has been successfully performed on the heart (remarks an "Evening Standard" writer). Such operations are becoming increasingly frequent, and are being attended by a large measure of success. There are now hundreds of cases on record in which bullets have been removed from inside of the heart. Why, then, do we talk about the great danger of any injury to the heart? My medical friend informs me that the reason is that the heart does contain one vital spot which will bear no touching. This area, fortunately, is deeply set in the organ. If any bullet or any other instrument wounds it, death is practically instantaneous. Here, as elsewhere, the surgeon has to find his way about and avoid the danger places.

Eve's First Sewing Lesson.

How did Adam and Eve learn to sew broad, smooth-leaves together? Sir John Bland Sutton (quoted by the "British Medical Journal") suggested in a lecture at Liverpool that they may have profited by watching the tailor bird spin its thread and sew the

edges of adjacent leaves together to form its nest in the trees of the Garden of Eden. Sir John was explaining that surgeons are still searching for the perfect stitching material for wounds, and said that plants, insects, and animals had been ransacked for the ideal material. It was by no means improbable, he added, that tendon for thread and thorn for needle were the first sewing materials used by primitive man for closing wounds. There was no material used by tailor or cobler which had not been of service to surgeons for stitching wounds. In India, Brazil, and Asia Minor, said Sir John, the mandibles of ants have been used from remote times as clips for securing the edges of wounds, which are pressed together and the ant applied by means of forceps. The ant separates its mandibles for defence, and as the insect is brought to the wound it seizes the edges and remains fixed. The body of the ant is divided with scissors, leaving the mandibles grasping the edges of the wound. The mandibles are antiseptic in virtue of formic acid normally present in ants.

Reds for the Red-Haired.

Shades of red—and particularly those purplish reds—are to be fashionable again this winter, and the only people to whom this fact makes little appeal are the red-haired, for there is a curious but very common belief that the woman with auburn hair invariably looks her worst in red. This opinion has been repeated so often that it has come to be accepted as one of the immutable laws of good dressing (writes Nancy Morison in the "Daily Express"). Titian himself, that master of colour, who painted one shade of red hair so often that even to-day it is called by his name, gives his auburn-haired Ariadne a scarlet drapery, and his Mary Magdalene, with those streaming red-gold tresses, a robe of old rose. Modern painters, too, from the pre-Raphaelites onward, prove the same point—that the red-haired can wear red. But we are not all artists, and the woman with auburn hair who buys a red dress haphazardly is heading for sartorial disaster. Some general hints may be useful in avoiding pitfalls. The woman with red-gold hair and pale skin looks delightful in old rose or in carefully chosen shades of coral. Chestnut hair gathers added beauty when set off by tawny orange and those bright red browns which have been so much the mode of late. Bois de rose is an excellent colour for the

auburn-haired—so, too, those fashionable petunia tints. As for that very dark auburn which has an almost purplish tinge about it, nothing brings out its loveliness, and the beauty of the clear complexion which usually accompanies it better than a deep but uncompromising cerise.

New Type of Plane.

Watched by the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir Hugh Trenchard, Chief of the Air Staff, and other Air Ministry officials, Captain Frank Courtney gave an official demonstration at Laffan's Plain, Farnborough, in the new autogiro flying machine invented by Senor Juan de la Cierva, the son of a former Spanish Minister of War. This machine does not possess the usual wings of an aeroplane (says the "Daily Mail's" air correspondent). Their place is taken by an upright column above an ordinary fuselage carrying four narrow curved planes set horizontally and resembling the sails of a windmill. They are mounted on a ball-bearing device and revolve quite freely, and can move up and down as they revolve. After Mr. Courtney had taken his seat in the machine, men hauled on a wire rope round a framework beneath the vanes and set them in motion. Drawn forward by its engine and airscrew in the normal way, the machine ran across the ground on its wheeled chassis. As it did so the rush of air increased the rate of spin of the big windmill above the pilot's head. As soon as it was turning rapidly its four curved blades in their swift circular movement exercised a lift sufficient to bear the weight of the machine in flight. The pilot, by an operation of his elevators, then rose smoothly into the air. The vanes as they spun adjusted themselves automatically to the air pressure in a manner which the inventor states is one of the secrets of his invention. The four curved surfaces grip and extract lift from the air in the same way as does a bird's wing. After he had gained an altitude of about 200 feet Captain Courtney made a wide turn—the windmill spinning smoothly in the air-flow above his head. He throttled down his engine, and the four big blades began to turn more slowly in the decreased air pressure. The result was that the machine still supported by the windmill in a parachute-like fashion, began to sink slowly in an almost vertical path. Such a machine could easily land on a flat roof in the midst of a city, says the "Daily Express." The invention makes flying almost as safe as taxicabs.

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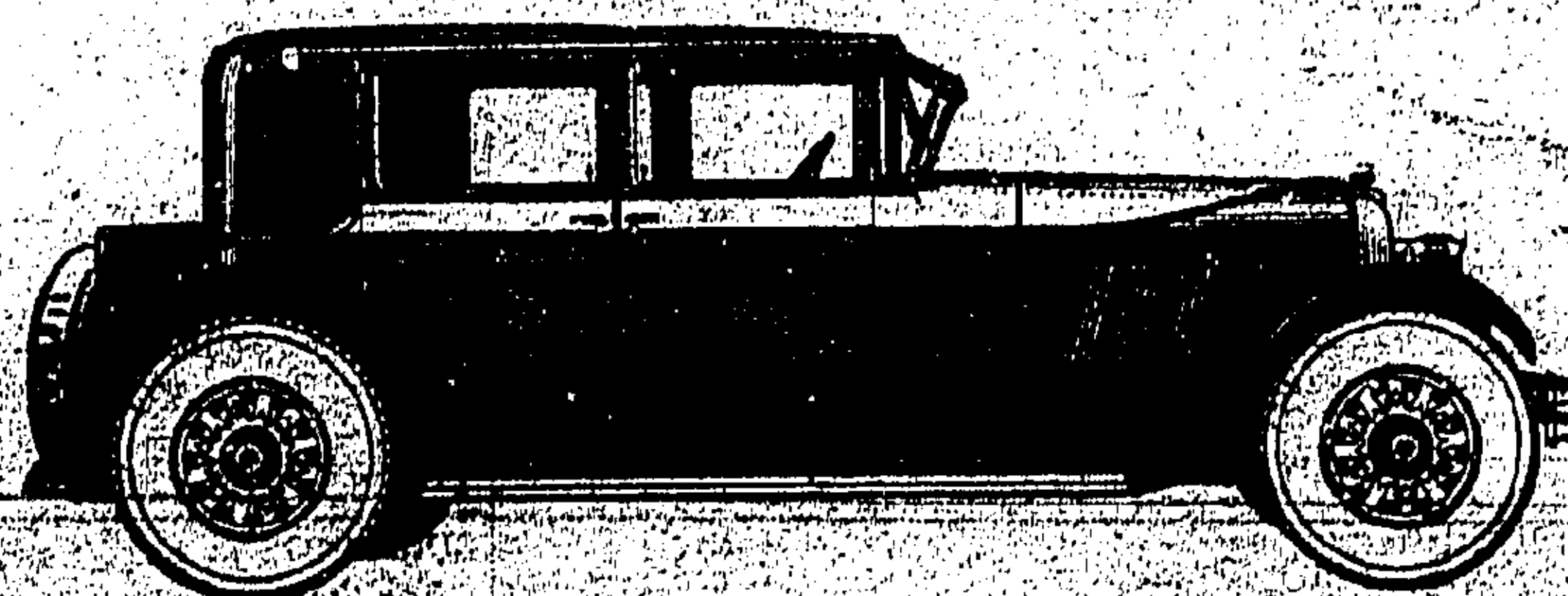
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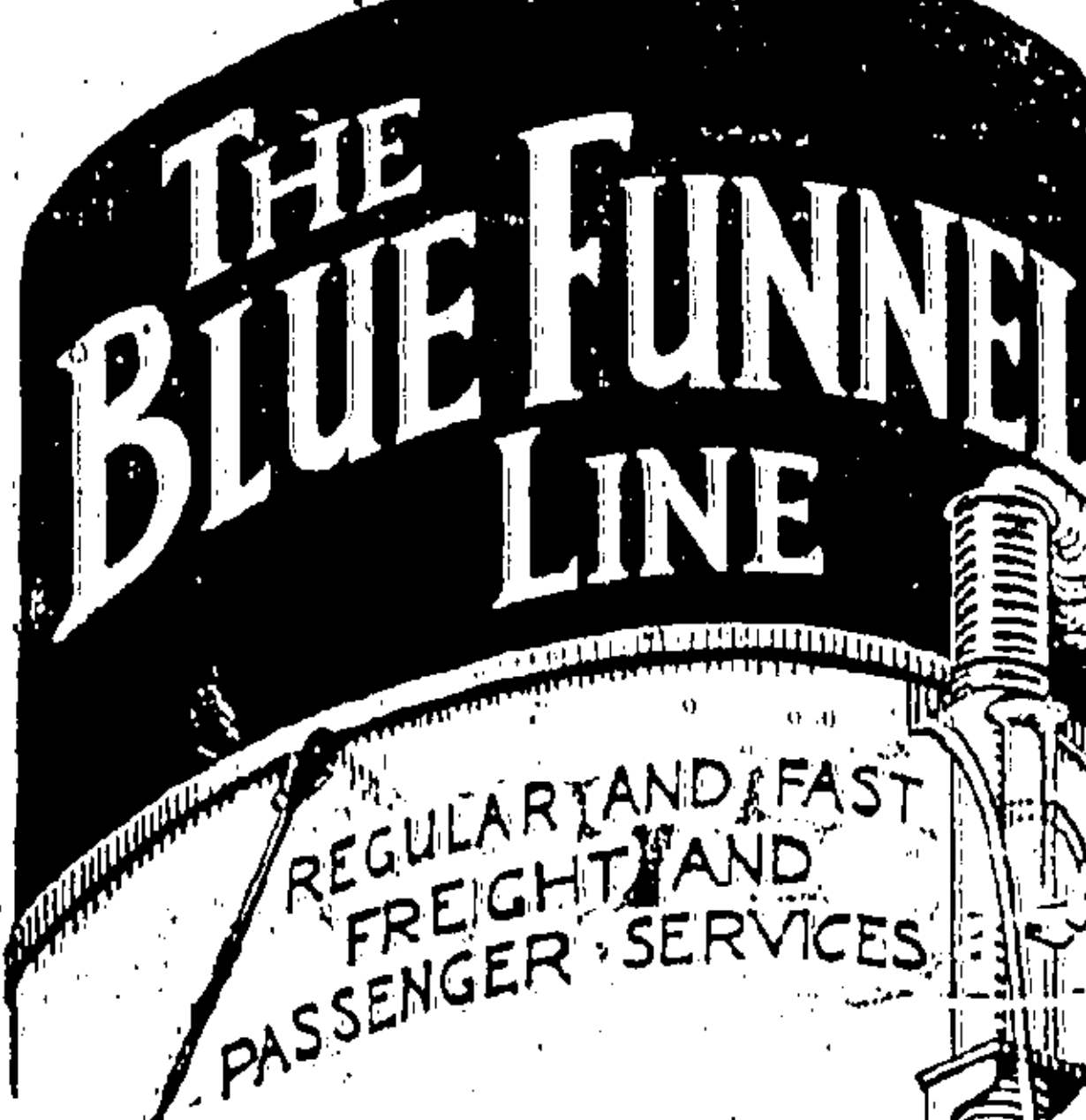
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INWARD MAILS.

From	SATURDAY, JANUARY 2.	From
Canada, U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Russia	
Manila	SUNDAY, JANUARY 3.	
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	
Japan	Arifura	
Shanghai	TUESDAY, JANUARY 5.	
EUROPE via Neapoleon, (Letters and Papers London, 3rd Dec.) 1925	Tokushima-Maru	
U.S.A. Canada Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	
Friday, JANUARY 3.	St. Albans	
Australia and Manila		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	From	Time
Manila	Empress of Russia	Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hokan Maru	9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels Noon)		
Letters 1 p.m.	Lalung	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central		
and South America & EUROPE via		
VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C.,		
22nd Jan. 1926. Parcels Noon. Reg-		
istration 2 1/2 p.m. Letters 3 30 p.m.	Pres. Jefferson	5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Hayes	5 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	5 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow	Hainan	Noon
Selangor, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt &		
EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar-		
seilles 5th Feb. 1926. Registration 12.45		
p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.	Amboise	3.30 p.m.
Manila, Swatow, AUSTRALIA and New	Chibusa	2.30 p.m.
Zealand via Thursday Island—due		
Thursday Island 18th Jan. 1926. Parcels		
5 p.m. Registration 6 p.m. Letters		
(6th Jan.) 8.30 a.m.	Arifura	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Swatow	Sulung	9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Tungshing	10.30 a.m.
Hokow and Haiphong	Tungshing	10.30 a.m.
Hokow and Haiphong	Tamang	8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Oloou	11.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central		
and South America, and EUROPE via		
Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver B.C.		
26th Jan. 1926. Parcels 3 p.m. Reg-		
istration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Empress of Asia	
Friday, JANUARY 7.		
Manila	Pres. Grant	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S.		
Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via		
Marseilles—due Marseilles 5th Feb.		
1926. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 12th		
Jan. 19.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Macodonis	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8.		
Haiphong	Kaying	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Celsing	

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F. H. CRAPNELL, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, December 30, 1925.

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